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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/11/2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. Claims **1-3, 5-10, 12-16, 18-19** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto et al (US. Patent 6,263,201) in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA).

As to claim 1, Hashimoto teaches analyzing (analyzing, col 1, ln 37-45/ check, col 5, ln 30-54), a received message (the message reception request, col 5, ln 30-54), a predetermined condition (a transmission date/time, col 5, ln 30-45), time (current time, col 5, ln 37-54/ the date and time, col 10, ln 50-67), a process (transmission content/ transmission, col 5, ln 37-54/ the prescribed process, col 3, ln 1-17/ the message” HAVE A GOOD TRIP TO TOKYO... to be Sapporo, col 10, ln 50-67).

Hashimoto does not teach the term fulfilled. However, APA teaches transfer condition storage means are fulfilled (page 2, ln 9-21).

It would have been obvious to apply the teaching of APA to Hashimoto in order to ensure that a user can send a transfer condition setting request e-mails disclosing what transfer conditions the user wishes to transfer the e-mails that satisfy the set condition.

As to claim 2, Hashimoto teaches a storage device (scheduled transmission files, col 5, ln 30-54), predetermined condition (transmission date/time, col 5, ln 30-54), a processing content (transmission content, col 5, ln 30-54).

As to claim 3, Hashimoto teaches at least one of ... contents of said message/ transmission destination of said message (transmission content/ transmission format/ recipient, col 5, ln 30-54), a program (a program/ a message transmission program, col 5, ln 30-54).

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As to claim 5, Hashimoto teaches a process (transmission server, col 14, ln 30-45), a processing content (transmission time information, col 14, ln 30-45), a time (times, col 14, ln 30-45).

As to claim 6, Hashimoto teaches a plurality of messages (messages, col 6, ln 45-53/message, Fig. 12).

As to claim 7, refer to the rejection of claim 2. Further, Hashimoto teaches e-mail/ mail body (e-mail, col 14, ln 55-67), a predetermined condition (transmission time, col 14, ln 55-67), processing content (an e-mail has reached said terminal, col 14, ln 55-67), a message (messages, col 6, ln 45-53/message, Fig. 12).

Hashimoto does not teach the term fulfilled. However, APA teaches transfer condition storage means are fulfilled (page 2, ln 9-21).

It would have been obvious to apply the teaching of APA to Hashimoto in order to ensure that a user can send a transfer condition setting request mail disclosing what transfer condition the user wishes to transfer the mail satisfying the set condition.

As to storage of claim 8, see the rejection of claim 1.

As to storage of claim 9, see the rejection of claim 2.

As to storage of claim 10, see the rejection of claim 3.

As to storage of claim 12, see the rejection of claim 5.

As to storage of claim 13, see the rejection of claim 7.

As to message processing method of claim 14, see the rejection of claim 1.

As to message processing method of claim 15, see the rejection of claim 2.

As to message processing method of claim 16, see the rejection of claim 3.

As to message processing method of claim 18, see the rejection of claim 5.

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As to message processing method of claim 19, see the rejection of claim 7.

2. Claims **4, 11, 17** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto et al (US. Patent 6,263,201) in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA) and further in view of Pitney et al (Dynamic e-mail messaging system having time parameters).

As to claim 4, Hashimoto teaches process (the prescribed process, col 3, ln 10-17), predetermined condition (the designated time, col 3, ln 10-17).

Hashimoto does not teach a process for changing notification destination, a priority. However, Pitney teaches the facsimile priority message tasks, a determination are then made as whether the telephony priority messaging tasks has been enabled (col 6, ln 36-54, col 13, ln 10-31).

It would have been obvious to apply the teaching of Pitney to Hashimoto in order to define the immediate performance of chosen enhancement feature when an e-mail message is received from a predetermined sender.

As to storage of claim 11, see the rejection of claim 4.

As to message processing method of claim 17, see the rejection of claim 4.

3. ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LeChi Truong whose telephone number is (703) 305 5312. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 305 9000.

LeChi Truong

May 30, 2003

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "LeChi Truong".